

# The 'Pick List'

## Choosing an Employment Provider in LaGrange County 2016



**Indiana Vocational  
Rehabilitation Services**

# How to Use This List

As a client of Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR), you are now a part of a team focused on your employment goals. VR has a list of employment service providers located throughout the state. These providers will help you achieve your goals by giving you the supports and services you need—things like help with writing a resume, filling out applications, or on-the-job coaching.

Now that your counselor has determined you are eligible for services, you have the opportunity to select an employment provider in your area. On the following pages, you’ll find the employment providers in your county along with their contact information and a list of services they offer.

Be sure to ask your VR counselor if you don’t know what some of the services are. The services you need will depend on your goals. You may not need all of the services you see listed on the chart.

We encourage you to contact each of the providers on this list. You can call them, set up a meeting, or send an email. Tell them you are a VR client and you would like to talk with them about the services they offer. Take notes so you can compare providers and choose the one that’s right for you. It’s important to select the provider you feel most comfortable working with and the one that you think can best help you meet your goals.

Once you’ve chosen an employment provider, tell your VR counselor. She/he will get things started for you.

**Any questions? Ask your VR counselor!**

My VR Counselor	
Name	
Phone	
Email	

# LaGrange County Provider Contact Info

Address	Contact	Individuals Served	
<b>ADEC, Inc.</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 19670 State Road 120 Bristol, IN 46507	Joshua Martin (574) 522-7717 martinj@adecinc.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaf</li> <li>• Blind</li> <li>• Developmentally Disabled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition-Age Students</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>• Mental Illness</li> </ul>
*Provider serves 3 counties with other service sites in the following counties: Elkhart and St. Joseph.			
<b>ARC Noble County Foundations, Inc.</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 506 South Orange Street Albion, IN 46701	Kay Craig (260) 636-2155 kcraig@thearcfoundations.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaf</li> <li>• Developmentally Disabled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition-Age Students</li> <li>• Mental Illness</li> <li>• Physical Disabilities</li> </ul>
*Provider serves 5 counties with other service sites in the following county: Noble.			
<b>Benchmark Human Services</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 8515 Bluffton Road Fort Wayne, IN 46809	Carol Telley (260) 207-5616 CarolT@benchmarkhs.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaf</li> <li>• Blind</li> <li>• Developmentally Disabled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition-Age Students</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>• Mental Illness</li> </ul>
*Provider serves 49 counties.			
<b>Child Adult Resource Services, Inc. (C.A.R.S.)</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 210 North Dormeyer Avenue Rockville, IN 47872	1) Carrie Kline (765) 337-1506 ckline@cars-services.org  2) Jeff Uhey (765) 569-2076 juhey@cars-services.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaf</li> <li>• Blind</li> <li>• Developmentally Disabled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>• Mental Illness</li> </ul>
*Provider serves all 92 counties with other service sites in the following counties: Clay, Delaware, Howard, Knox, Marion, Montgomery, Putnam, Tippecanoe, Vanderburgh, and Vigo.			
<b>Globe Star, LLC</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 621 Broadway Chesterton, IN 46304	John Kremke (219) 921-5492 Ext. 5 jkremke@globe-star.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaf</li> <li>• Blind</li> <li>• Developmentally Disabled</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>• Mental Illness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcohol/Drug Substance Abuse</li> <li>• Unemployed/Underemployed</li> <li>• Physical Disabilities</li> </ul>
*Provider serves all 92 counties with other service sites in the following counties: Kosciusko, Marion, Porter, and St. Joseph.			
<b>Indiana Mentor</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 8925 N. Meridian St., Ste. 200 Indianapolis, IN 46260	Chrissie Beik (317) 208-7733 Christine.beik@thementornetwork.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaf</li> <li>• Blind</li> <li>• Developmentally Disabled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition-Age Students</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>• Mental Illness</li> </ul>
*Provider serves all 92 counties with other service sites in the following counties: Allen, Jackson, Lake, Lawrence, Miami, Monroe, St. Joseph, and Tippecanoe.			
<b>Northeastern Center, Inc.</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 220 South Main Street Kendallville, IN 46755	Mark Pfefferkorn (260) 347-2453 mkorn@nec.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developmentally Disabled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Illness</li> </ul>
*Provider serves 5 counties with other service sites in the following county: Noble.			

Address	Contact	Individuals Served	
<b>Rise, Inc.</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 1600 Wohlert St. Angola, IN 46703  *Provider serves 4 counties with other service sites in the following county: Steuben.	Stephanie Kersten (260) 665-9408 s.kersten@riseangola.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaf</li> <li>• Blind</li> <li>• Developmentally Disabled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition-Age Students</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>• Mental Illness</li> </ul>
<b>The ARC of LaGrange County, Inc.</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 0235 W. 300 N. Howe, IN 46746  *Provider serves LaGrange county only.	Debra Seman (260) 463-2653 dseman@arcopportunities.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developmentally Disabled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Illness</li> </ul>

# Provider Employment Services

This chart lets you compare providers based on the services they offer.

## Additional Services Legend

BIN – Benefits Information Network  
TR – Transportation Training  
TTW – Ticket to Work

Provider	Situational Assessment	Job Shadows	Vocational Assessment	Work Experience	Job Development/ Placement/ Retention	Job Readiness Training	On-the-Job Supports	Supported Employment	Additional Services
ADEC, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and TR
ARC Noble County Foundations, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN
Benchmark Human Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN
Child Adult Resource Services, Inc. (C.A.R.S.)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and TTW
Globe Star, LLC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and TTW
Indiana Mentor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and TTW
Northeastern Center, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN
Rise, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and TTW
The ARC of LaGrange County, Inc.	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

# Glossary

## **Assistive Technology**

Any equipment, item, or technology used to improve function and capability.

## **Benefits Information Network**

A group of Indiana professionals who have been trained in and have knowledge of federal, state, and local benefits and work incentives. BIN liaisons understand the impact of income on long-term supports and services and can advise workers and families on how best to maintain employment while building more financial independence.

## **Discovery**

An opportunity to explore talents, interests, preferences, capabilities, and ideal work environment in order to identify an appropriate vocational goal. Specific Discovery activities vary based on individual need, but could include vocational testing, job shadowing, or career exploration.

## **Home and Wheelchair Modification**

Any change to a home or workplace environment that can help an employee get to work or access a job site. Examples could include widening a doorway or creating a keyboard tray for a wheelchair.

## **Job Development/Placement/Retention**

The process of working with an employer to either identify appropriate jobs and promote an individual with disabilities as a job candidate or help an individual keep a job.

## **Job-Readiness Training**

The process of assisting clients in identifying goals as well as training strategies designed to help an individual meet them.

## **Job Shadowing**

The opportunity to visit an employer in the community and observe different jobs.

## **On-the-Job Supports**

Supports provided in the workplace to help an employee learn and maintain a job. These include the use of a job coach or consultation with an employment specialist.

## **Situational Assessments**

Activities that give an employment provider the chance to observe an individual in a certain working environment or doing a specific job task.

## **Supported Employment**

Paid, community-based employment with ongoing supports that can help individuals learn tasks, be included, and keep their jobs.

## **Ticket to Work**

A free work incentive program from the Social Security Administration for some people with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Eligible individuals can assign their “ticket” (not a real paper ticket) to an employment network or to Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services for coordinating job search, placement, and retention services.

## **Work Experiences**

First-hand, work-based learning opportunities that can help determine individual interests and preferences.